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SUBJECT: EGYPT: NEW EDUCATION AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS, FIVE

NEW GOVERNORS

Classified By: ECPO Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1.(C) KEY POINTS -- On January 3, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced two ministerial appointments--Alaa El Din Fahmy as Minister of Tra

2.(SBU) Prior to his appointment as Minister of Transport, Alaa El Din Fahmy was the head of the Egyptian National Postal Authority (ENPA). Moh

3.(C) Fahmy is perceived as a member of Prime Minister Nazif's trusted circle. In the view of most observers here, his appointment signals cont

4.(SBU) Ahmed Zaki Badr, the new Minister of Education, is currently President of Ain Shams University. He has served in this position since mi

5.(SBU) The timing of the replacement of Yousri el-Gamal as Minister of Education appeared somewhat sudden. He was at a public event kicking of

6.(C) Comment: El-Gamal worked closely with Embassy Cairo on critical education reform initiatives, and news of his replacement raises some cor

7.(U) President Mubarak's decree changes the governors of five of Egypt's twenty-nine governorates. As is often the case in Egypt, three of the

8.(C) Opinions differ as to whether Shousha's move from north to south Sinai is a promotion or a demotion. On one hand, his failure to contain

9.(U) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Derived from press sources): Ahmed Zaki BADR Current Position: Minister of Education Former Positions: Presider